



3/2/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Dimboola Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dimboola Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to purchase school iPads and laptops, faster WIFI and internet.

Families who pay the \$125 voluntary contribution before the end of Term 1, will go into the draw to win a \$125 IGA voucher.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Sampson".

Greg Sampson
Principal

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
[Use the listed items as examples only and either delete or replace with items relevant to your individual school context and identified needs] Voluntary contribution to Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Exercise books Dotted third books Ruler Pens Pencils Pencil Sharpener Coloured textas Eraser Highlighters Megaspace scrap book Blunt end scissors Twistable crayons Sharpener Marbig Display folders Sound Waves Dictionary Art Folio	\$125
Computer voluntary contribution – we currently lease laptops instead of bring your own device (parent supplied)	\$50
Voluntary contribution to online subscriptions – eg. story box, essential assessment,	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria and West Wimmera School Sports Association Membership	\$10 per student
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Dimboola Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Year 6 school camp (approximate cost)	\$380	
Optional Year 5 camp (approximate cost)	\$380	
Optional Year 4 Camp (approximate cost)	\$200	
Optional Year 3 Camp (approximate cost)	\$200	
Optional Year 2 sleep over (approximate cost)	\$10	
Optional Year 1 extended day (approximate cost)	\$5	
Optional Prep extended day (approximate cost)	\$5	
Cultural Performances (4 x \$10)	\$40	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$	

Financial Support for Families

Dimboola Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Through discussion with the principal there is some discretionary money available for cases of hardship.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Greg Sampson(Principal) or Kelly Henderson (Business Manager)

Ph: 03 5389 1270 | Email: dimboola.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category

Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

BPAY

Call Dimboola Primary School office 5389 1270 for details

Bank account details:

Commonwealth Bank

BSB 063000

Account Number: 14162144

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis.

Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions
Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.